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A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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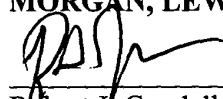
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